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Bowen Center for Public Affairs Hosts National Conference
Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson Delivers Keynote Address

INDIANAPOLIS – (June 22, 2012) – The Bowen Center for Public Affairs hosted the second annual State Certification Testing of Voting Systems National Conference on Thursday, June 14 through Friday, June 15 at Ball State University’s Indianapolis Center. Secretary of State Connie Lawson delivered the keynote welcoming address to attendees.

The State Certification Testing of Voting Systems National Conference works to improve the quantity and quality of information that flows between the state and federal testing agencies. Representatives from the Bowen Center for Public Affairs, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, federally accredited testing laboratories, and state voting system certification programs led the two-day national conference’s eight informational sessions.

With over 15 states and five universities represented, conference sessions and presentations provided a venue for practitioners and academics to share best practices, explore more efficient and effective methods of testing voting systems, and to identify common challenges and potential mitigations to those challenges.

“The Bowen Center for Public Affairs did a wonderful job organizing and hosting the State Certification Testing of Voting Systems National Conference. It was an honor to hold this year’s event in Indianapolis,” said Indiana Secretary of State, Connie Lawson. “Voting systems and procedures are important topics, and the national conference was a great way to bring experienced professionals together to share successes and lessons learned. Everyone left the conference with key takeaways that they can implement in their home states.”

The Bowen Center for Public Affairs empowers people who want to participate in their communities, offering expert and practical viewpoints on the operation of local and state governments. To learn more about the Bowen Center for Public Affairs and for information on upcoming events, visit www.bsu.edu/bowencenter.

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About the Bowen Center:

The Bowen Center for Public Affairs advances the ideals of civic literacy, community involvement and public service through focused training, networking and research opportunities. The Center is named for Dr. Otis R. Bowen, former Governor of Indiana and National Secretary of Health and Human Services.

